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The area estimate and fifth production forecast for winter cereals for the 2017 is hereby released. /  
Hiermee word die oppervlakteskatting en vyfde produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2017 vrygestel.

**WINTER CEREALS – AREA ESTIMATE AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**

**WINTERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (A)	5 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 5 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2017 Tons (B)	4 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 4 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2017 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2016 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
<b>Commercial/Kommersieel:</b>						
Wheat/Koring	491 600	1 475 450	1 581 250	508 365	1 910 000	-6,69
Malting barley/Moutgars	91 380	298 564	281 059	88 695	355 000	+6,23
Canola/Kanola	84 000	92 400	96 600	68 075	105 000	-4,35
Total/Totaal	666 980	1 866 414	1 958 909	665 135	2 370 000	-4,72

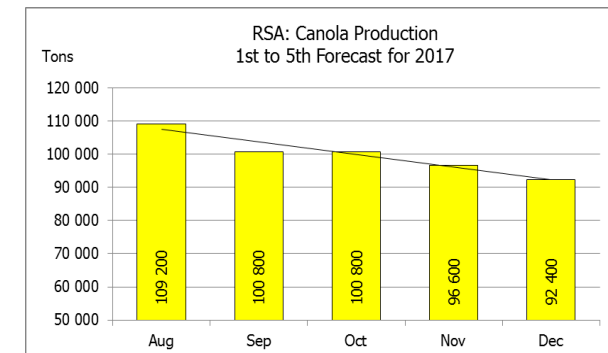
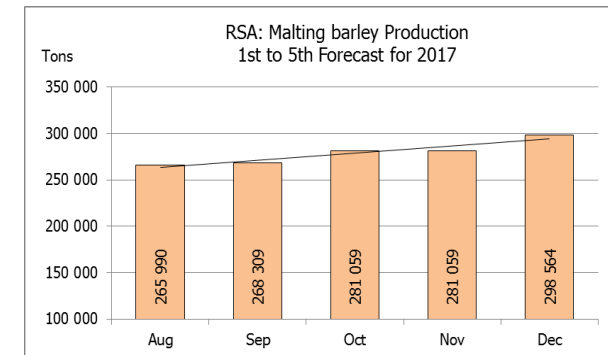
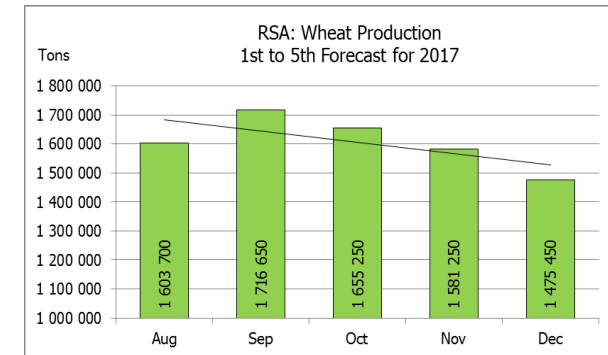
\* Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2017 = 2017

\* Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2017 = 2017

**WHEAT – AREA ESTIMATE AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**

**KORING – OPPERVLAKTE- EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha	5 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 5 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2017 Tons	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha	Final crop/ Finale oes 2016 Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	326 000	586 800	323 000	1 098 200
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	38 000	304 000	35 000	266 000
Free State/Vrystaat	80 000	296 000	110 000	308 460
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 900	9 500	2 200	11 000
KwaZulu-Natal	7 500	42 750	6 500	37 050
Mpumalanga	4 000	25 200	2 300	13 800
Limpopo	20 000	126 000	17 000	103 700
Gauteng	700	4 200	365	2 190
North West/Noordwes	13 500	81 000	12 000	69 600
Total/Totaal	491 600	1 475 450	508 365	1 910 000



**AREA ESTIMATE AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF WINTER CROPS (2017) /  
OPPERVLAKTESKATTING EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2017)**

**19 DECEMBER / DESEMBER 2017**

**Winter cereal crops - 2017 production season**

**Wheat:** The expected commercial production of wheat is 1,475 mill. tons, which is 6,7% or 105 800 tons less than the previous forecast of 1,581 mill. tons, whilst the expected yield is 3,00 t/ha. The main reason for the decrease in wheat production is that farmers harvested poorer than expected yields, especially in the Western Cape, as they experienced drought during the past season.

The expected production in the Western Cape decreased by 14,3 % or 97 800 tons, from 684 600 tons to 586 800 tons against the previous forecast.

The production forecast for the Free State also decreased slightly by 2,6% or 8 000 tons, from 304 000 tons to 296 000 tons. In the Northern Cape, the expected production forecast remained unchanged at 304 000 tons.

The area estimate for wheat is 491 600 ha.

**Other crops:** The production forecast for **malting barley** is 298 564 tons, which is 6,2% or 17 505 tons more than the previous forecast of 281 059 tons. The area planted is estimated at 91 380 ha, while the expected yield is 3,27 t/ha.

The expected **canola** crop was adjusted downwards by 4,4% or 4 200 tons to 92 400 tons. The area estimate for canola is 84 000 ha, with an expected yield of 1,10 t/ha.

**Please note that the sixth production forecast for winter cereals for 2017 will be released on 30 January 2018.**

**Wintergewasse - 2017 produksie-seisoen**

**Koring:** Die verwagte kommersiële produksie vir koring is 1,475 milj. ton, wat 6,7% of 105 800 ton minder is as die vorige skatting van 1,581 milj. ton, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,00 t/ha is. Die hoofrede vir die afname in koringproduksie is as gevolg van produsente wat swakker as verwagte opbrengste gestroop het, veral in die Wes-Kaap, aangesien hulle gedurende die afgelope seisoen droogte ervaar het.

Die verwagte produksie in die Wes-Kaap het met 14,3 % of 97 800 ton afgeneem, van 684 600 ton tot 586 800 ton teenoor die vorige skatting.

Die produksieskatting vir die Vrystaat is effens afwaarts aangepas met 2,6% of 8 000 ton, van 304 000 ton na 296 000 ton. In die Noord-Kaap is die verwagte produksie onveranderd gelaat op 304 000 ton.

Die oppervlakteskatting vir koring is 491 600 ha.

**Ander gewasse:** Die produksieskatting vir **moutgars** is 298 564 ton, wat 6,2% of 17 505 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 281 059 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant is beraam op 91 380 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,27 t/ha beloop.

Die verwagte **kanola**-oes is afwaarts aangepas met 4,4% of 4 200 ton na 92 400 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir kanola is 84 000 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,10 t/ha.

**Neem asseblief kennis dat die sesde produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2017 op 30 Januarie 2018 vrygestel sal word.**

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